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TO : Director of Training

FROM : Chief, School of International
Communism and the USSR

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 9
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DATE: 3 March 1960

1. In response to your suggestion re cutting down the lecture time in SIC's JOT Program, I have asked [] to review the problem with each staff member with a view toward eliminating additional lectures — beyond those which he had already scratched in his new schedule. The tentative objective of a 20% cut should be relatively easy to meet since [] had already eliminated almost 10% of the lecture hours. While this procedure will perhaps move us closer towards the ideal of a better balanced program I still have misgivings about its relative efficiency. Given the physical situation in which we have to conduct the course a substantive lecture (even one for which adequate reading is available) may be the most efficient way of concentrating the attention of a majority of the class. It is much more difficult for them to become absorbed in a reading assignment with the shuffling, talking, and other interruptions which are inevitable in so large a group. Some of the reading can certainly be accomplished at home during evening hours, but this will not recoup the time lost during the day. I believe we should push very hard to set up a series of study rooms to increase efficiency in use of the study periods.

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2. Although [] has indicated a willingness to give his services to the JOT Program, "if available," I am reluctant to count upon his availability. In addition, since he has a few of the characteristics of a prima donna, it is rather difficult to discipline his presentations so that they fit smoothly into the context of the course. With this in mind, and also in view of the fact that he has a deep interest and substantial background in the field, I have taken the liberty of releasing [] from all other responsibilities during the month of May in order that he might concentrate on preparing and coordinating this three-day section of the course. We will plan to use [] in a seminar or discussion capacity rather than count on him for any formal lecture coverage.

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4. Tutorial Training:



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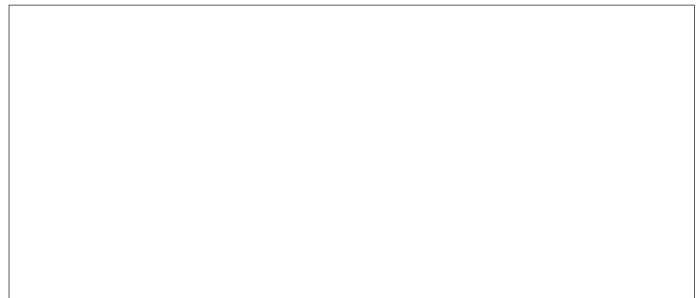
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4. Non-Agency Presentations:



FSI, Mid-Career:
29 February, Current Ideological Problems
1 March, Current Political Developments
in USSR.

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